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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT ON LOCKHEED
DOCUMENTS

REF: (A) ANKARA 8332, (B) STATE 275375

1. GALIP BALKAR, DIRECTOR, MFA, DEPARTMENT OF MUTUAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS, INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR NOVEMBER 10, IN REPLY TO
INQUIRY, THAT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE ACTED UPON POSSIBILITY
THAT INVESTIGATION BY PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION
MIGHT INVOLVE A TURKISH CABINET MINISTER IN DECIDING THAT
LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO COMMISSION.

2. PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION WAS SET UP UNDER
ARTICLE 88 OF TURKISH CONSTITUTION WHICH GAVE IT AUTHORITY TO
INVESTIGATE A GIVEN MATTER BUT NOT A MINISTER. BALKAR ACK-
NOWLEDGED THAT UNDERSTANDING AT TIME OF NEGOTIATION OF US-TURKISH
BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS WAS THAT IF A
MINISTER WERE INVOLVED ANOTHER GROUP WOULD HAVE TO BE SET UP
UNDER ARTICLE 90 OF CONSTITUTION.

3. REFERRING TO ALLEGATIONS IN PRESS AND BY COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN YILMAZ ALPASLAN THAT AN UNNAMED MINISTER
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IN PRESENT CABINET IS INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED SCANDAL,

BALKAR SAID SUBSEQUENT STAND OF GOT (SPECIFICALLY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE) HAS BEEN THAT WORK OF COMMISSION IS PRELIMINARY IN NATURE AND MAY LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER GROUP UNDER ARTICLE 90.

4. ASKED IF ABOVE MEANT THAT THERE WAS OFFICIAL SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT OF A CABINET MINISTER, BALKAR SAID "NO". PRIMIN'S OFFICE WAS SIMPLY RESPONDING TO ALLEGATIONS OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN TURNING OVER DOCUMENTS.

5. BALKAR ATTEMPTED TO BRUSH ASIDE THIS LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF TURKISH RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT AS UNIMPORTANT ON BASIS OF STATEMENT MADE TO PRESS NOVEMBER 9 BY JUSTICE MINISTER MUFTUOGLU THAT LOCKHEED AFFAIR WOULD BE BROUGHT TO COURT WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER WHICH POINT HE WOULD BE FREE TO MAKE PUBLIC DETAILS OF CASE. BALKAR SAID HE KNEW OF NO VIOLATIONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF LOCKHEED DOCUMENTS ON PART OF COMMISSION. MACOMBER

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